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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

FEAST DAY: APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person.

At about age 7, she claimed to have seen a vision of Jesus with Peter, Paul, and John the evangelist; then she announced to her parents her determination to live a religious life. Convinced of her devotion, they gave her a small room in the basement of their home that acted as a hermitage.

After moving into her hermitage, she slept on a board, used a wooden log for a pillow, and meditated on her only spiritual token, a crucifix. She claimed to have received an invisible (for humility) stigmata by which she felt the wounds of Christ. At one time, her parents tried to persuade her to marry, but Catherine was steadfast and at age 15, she cut off her hair to thwart their designs.

Catherine was not satisfied living a contemplative life; she wanted to help the poor and sick. But she did not want to be an ordinary nun. Through the influence of her cousin, a Dominican priest and her first confessor, Catherine joined the Dominican Order of Penance (later known as the Dominican Third Order) in 1363. This "third way" was an organization of religious lay people who lived at home, wore distinctive dress, and directed their own activities in sacrificial service to the poor and sick.

From ages 16 to 19, Catherine continued living a secluded life at home and attracted many followers, who were drawn by her feisty personality and exemplary sanctity. During this time, she learned to read and became familiar with the church fathers, like Gregory the Great and Augustine, as well as popular preachers of the day. At the end of this three-year seclusion, Catherine experienced what she later described as "spiritual marriage" to Christ. In this vision, Jesus placed a ring on her finger, and her soul attained mystical union with God. She called this state an "inner cell in her soul" that sustained her all her life as she traveled and ministered.

She embarked on a letter-writing ministry to convert sinners and reform the church and society. Like many reformers of the day, she was disturbed by the rampant corruption of the church, and she believed the source of the problem was the so-called Babylonian Captivity. Because of early fourteenth-century political intrigue, the papacy had moved to Avignon, France. This scandalized people for two reasons: first, the papacy was divorced from the special sanctity of Rome. Second, the popes became increasingly captive to French politics and lifestyle, which were decadent and corrupt.

In a series of letters, Catherine exhorted the pope to address the problems of the church and charged him to return to Rome: "Respond to the Holy Spirit who is calling you! I tell you: Come! Come! Come! Don't wait for time because time isn't waiting for you." One year later, in 1377, after Catherine had visited with him in Avignon, Gregory XI finally returned to Rome. It was the great moment of her public life.

In her 383 extant letters and *The Dialogue*, which she referred to as "my book" and which describes her mystical experiences, she expressed her driving motivation to love God. She wrote that God told her "not to love Me for your own sake, or your neighbor for your own sake, but to love Me for myself, yourself for Myself, your neighbor for Myself."

At the heart of Catherine's teaching was the image of a bleeding Christ, the Redeemer—ablaze with fiery charity, eager sacrifice, and unqualified forgiveness. And it was not the cross or nails that held Christ to the tree; those were not strong enough to hold the God-Man. It was love that held him there. She records God's words to her: "My son's nailed feet are a stair by which you can climb to his side, where you will see revealed his inmost heart. For when the soul has ... looked with her mind's eye into my son's opened heart, she begins to feel the love of her own heart in his consummate and unspeakable love."



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Apr. 28	+Barbara Nordhus
Wednesday, Apr. 29	+Allen and Gert Holle
Thursday, Apr. 30	+Catherine Price
Friday, May 1	+Bill, Irene and Jeanne Sandmann
Saturday, May 2	+Juanita Hogan ~St. Gregory and St. Malachy Parishioners
Sunday, May 3	+Duff Libby ~Living and deceased members of Emmett & Gertrude Peschel family +Geneva Schmitz Drouhard

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 2 4:30-5:15pm	Confessions
Sunday, May 3 8:30am	Rosary*
9:00am	Mass*

*Live on Blue Valley Ch. 3 and Facebook

TECHNOLOGY TIPS

How to connect your computer to a TV The easiest way is by using an HDMI cable that can be found at most stores like Wal-Mart. Most newer TV's and computers have HDMI ports and all you need to do is get a cable to connect the two. Once they are connected, you turn your TV to look at the correct HDMI input channel. If you use a Mac, you may need to buy an adaptor but they too can connect to your TV.

If you have smart TV Consider loading the Facebook Watch app, then search for 'Church of St. Gregory the Great.'

If you do not have a smart TV you can buy a Roku or Fire Stick that can make any TV a smart TV.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for April 19th \$ 9,825.96
 (\$11,254 Expected Average Collection needed each week)
You are all amazing! Thank you so much!! —Fr. Nathan

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Loan Balance (as of 4/2/20) \$906,586.49
Donations (since 4/01/20) (\$ 3,655.00)
 Estimated Outstanding Expenses \$83,272.25
Total Parish Liability \$986,203.74
 Total Contributions to Date \$7,421,541.46
(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

PARISH NEWS

Daily Readings Daily Mass readings can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website usccb.org. Click the calendar on the right side of the page.

Giving Drop Box For your convenience, a drop box has been placed in the church gathering space for tithing envelopes. The church will continue to be open daily.

Online or ACH Giving Parishioners can give online for a small processing fee or through a Direct Deposit at no charge. Complete information can be found on the Giving page of the St. Gregory website located at <https://www.stgregorychurch.org/giving>.

RESOURCES

Think of 'self-isolation' as a retreat opportunity! Here are some great resources.

- **The Chosen:** This is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus and allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen
- **Formed.org:** This has a lot of great video series about the faith, faith-filled movies, and even cartoons for children. Maybe make it a family goal to watch a video series together or a faith-filled movie once a week.
- **Magnificat:** This very popular daily devotional is being offered online for free during the crisis. This resource follows the daily Mass readings and has some prayers for the morning and evening. Maybe make it a family goal to do evening prayer together each night before supper. www.magnificat.com/free
- **Laudate:** This is currently the #1 Catholic app on the app store and highly recommended by Fr. Nathan.

#TOGETHERISBETTER

We are participating in the *Together Is Better* campaign with Idntiteez. You can purchase the St. Gregory t-shirt for \$20 in a variety of colors. For every t-shirt purchased, \$10 will be donated back to the church. All shirts must be purchased online.

Adult: <https://togetherisbetterks.com/togetherisbetter/shop/product-detail/1003160>

Youth: <https://togetherisbetterks.com/togetherisbetter/shop/product-detail/1003159>



SPECIAL DEAL: Starting at 9am, for the first 100 shirts sold on Monday, April 27th for a church, Thrivent Financial is giving an extra \$5 donation for a total of \$15 per shirt!!!



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Enrollment - With our traditional enrollment nights cancelled, we have to do things a little differently this year. All current PreS—5th grade families will receive an enrollment packet in the mail in the coming weeks. Prospective preschool families who previously received information about our (now cancelled) preschool previews will also receive this enrollment packet. The packet will include the enrollment form, application for fee assistance, the 2020-2021 school calendar, as well as a stamped and addressed envelopment to mail the enrollment form and enrollment fee back to the school by May 22, 2020.

If you would like to enroll at St. Gregory Catholic School and do not receive an enrollment packet by the end of April, please call the school office at 785-562-2831 or email kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org.

Preschool Preview—Are you or someone you know interested in our 3 yr. or 4 yr. preschool program? If so, check out our St. Gregory the Great Catholic School Facebook page or the school website at <https://www.stgregorychurch.org/st-gregory-catholic-school> for a video tour of the preschool classroom and make sure to join Mrs. Nemec on Thursday, April 30th at 6:00 pm for a Facebook Live event. At this time, Mrs. Nemec will be providing more information about our preschool program as well as answering parent questions in real time. You can also email your questions to Mrs. Nemec at mnemec@stgregorychurch.org.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please pray for Linda Mitchell, Rick Ham, Mallory LeSage, Lori Stohs, Liz Arth, Evelyn Anderson, Mike Watters, Doug Ryan, Steven Appel, Tony Evans, Shane Molton, Teresa Reiling, Bruce Leonard, Doug Wende, Breckyn File, Melody Germann, Brittany Pappada, Mary Landoll, Scotty Hudson, Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, Dolores Wassenberg, Jim Nordhus, Don Cudney, Tori Dettke, Margaret Schotte, Kristi Meyer, Scott Thom, Joel Rivera, Janet Holle, Bill Mullins, Parker Price, Joleen Cohorst, Jessie Sawin, Christen Hatzenbuehler, Janet Kirkland, Mary Feldhausen, Boston Bieler, Hudson Gartner, Raymond Thom, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Mary Ann Lehman, Keith & Teresa Peeks, James & Jessa Sublette, Annette Pacha Smith, Joan Wacek, Rick Weigel, Barry Baber, Jordan Mackey, Wayne Price, Angie Miller, Scott Frerking, Wayne Kruse, Dorothy Peschel, Andy Kwapnioski, Larry Wissmann, Jane Fragel Williamson, Grace Koelzer, Libby Muchow, Jennifer McKeen, Leah Wassenberg, Walt & Charlotte Zimmerling, Tom Nolte, Margaret Stoeher, Francis Kloecker, Sandy Schmitz, Martha Meier, Marty Clark, Emily Larson, Debbie Jueneman, Jim Davis, Bernard Bussmann, Pat Plegge Pratt, Jim D. Schmitz, Carl Walston, Fred Behrens, Katie Vering, Dennis Mason, Sally Hall, Brian Studer and Mike Wetter. *To make changes call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.*

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 27 Daniel Ackerman, Margaret Nemec, Luke Lauer
Apr. 28 Melissa Wetter, Gabriel Koch, Jill Mueiting
Apr. 29 Mary Nordhus, Loren Wassenberg, Jackie Fragel
Apr. 30 Bob Kloppenborg
May 2 Thomas Glore, Ella Schroller
May 3 Brady Haverkamp, Greg Strunk

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr. 27 Dennis and Norma Mason
 Francis and Sheila Taphorn
 Paul and Diane Broxterman
 Gary and Deb Nelsen
Apr. 28 Mike and Diane Boss
 Markus and Liz Frese
Apr. 30 Larry and Kathy Ketter
 Russ and Brenda Arntt
May 1 Lynn and Renae Bruna
 Anthony and Bryn Duever
May 2 Kevin and Jodi Samuelson

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Cemetery: Frank Staggenborg at 562-8047

Parish Hall Reservations: Contact Parish Office

K of C Hall Reservations: Joe Peschel at 562-3161

Baptisms: See website for information

Weddings: Contact Father Nathan

If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.



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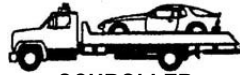
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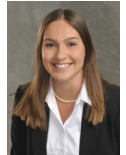
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